

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 1, line 22 of the specification as follows:

Related Background Art

[0002] (Reference 1) A dispersion compensator which compensates for the chromatic dispersion of transmission optical fibers in the wavelength band of 1530 to 1610 nm is disclosed in L. V. Jorgensen et al., Next Generation Dispersion Compensating Modules for 40 GBit/s, Proceedings of NFOEC2002, USA, Sept. 2002, ~~p. 262~~ pp. 1171-1182.